

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.**  
**208 Center Ave, Curtis, Nebraska**

**Board Members Present: Joe Anderjaska, Benjie Loomis, Kevin Fornoff, Daniel Nelsen, Rose Weskamp, Tracy Zink, Jolene Messinger, Travis Rouselle, Jay Schilling, Shane Rippen, Rick McConville**

**Board Members Absent:** None

**NRD Staff:** Jack Russell, Sylvia Johnson, Alex Boyce, Heather Dizmang and Stacie Owens

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy

**Others:** Brad Edgerton

**Information Posted to Directors I-Pads/distributed at meeting:**

Regular Meeting Agenda

Regular Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee Mtg Min

Civil Rights Handout

Final Draft Budget

Director Code of Conduct

NARD Fall Mtg Agenda

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Zink at 9 a.m.
  - a. Verify Quorum.
  - b. Excused Absences.
  
2. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.
  - a. Items added to the agenda since mailing: None.
  
3. Notice of the regular monthly meeting was published in the **North Platte Telegraph** and the **McCook Daily Gazette** and was posted at the **MRNRD Office** and on the District website at **www.mrnrd.org**. As a courtesy it was also provided to local radio stations. Guests should also note the location of a current copy of the statutes dealing with public meetings and the booklet with the information provided to directors.
  
4. The Minutes for the July Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.
  - ◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the July Regular Board Meeting.  
Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 10    Nays – 0    Motion Carried
  
  - ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the minutes of the July Executive Meeting Meeting.  
Seconded by Fornoff.  
Ayes - 10    Nays – 0    Motion Carried

**Messinger arrived at 9:06 a.m.**

## **5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

**A.** The July Financial Report were not available due to the current restructuring of the bookkeeping but will be provided next month in detail.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the July bills based on the pre-approval by Russell and contingent on detailed report being provided next month. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

**B.** Approve Budget to go to Hearing in September.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the Budget to go to Hearing as presented at 9 am on September 12th. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

## **6. OPEN FORUM**

None.

## **7. MANAGER'S REPORT**

**A. GW COMMITTEE MEETING.** Russell went over the discussions they held at their committee meeting which revolved around feedlot water monitoring, development of a policy for meter damage done by producers or their animals and potentially restructuring rules on well replacements. Blankenau will be reviewing everything they put together and the board will review it all once complete.

**B. FVID.** Russell and Johnson met with them to discuss helping them prepare a letter to the Bureau to get out from underneath them.

**C. FL566 WATERSHED DAMS.** Russell and Boyce met with DNR to discuss the options and potential consequences of repairing or not repairing 11A and 2A. They are always waiting for a consultant to look into the options and costs. Kelly Creek, which we are solely responsible for, needs some maintenance done. Boyce is working on providing the cost and will present that once complete.

**D. OTHER.** Dizmang went over the outreach work she has been compiling and a quick snip of the podcast platform she is getting ready to launch. She encouraged the Board to give her some specific places they might want to target.

## **8. NRCS – KENNEDY**

126 CRP contracts to wrap up with each individual producer before September so they will be busy getting those done.

## **9. NARD - ANDERJASKA**

**A. CODE OF CONDUCT.**

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the NARD Code of Conduct. Seconded by Schilling.

Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

**B. NARD ANNUAL CONFERENCE, SEPT. 24-26.**

Reminder to let Owens know if you intend on going.

**C. VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE.**

Delegate will be Anderjaska and Alternate will be Fornoff.

**10. NRC – FORNOFF**

Approved 2 large contracts for 8.8 million and 8 small contracts for 1.4 million at the July meeting. Next meeting will be in December.

**11. NSIA – SCHILLING.**

Went over the tour he attended of Davis Creek Recreation Area owned by the Lower Loup NRD, Burwell irrigation canal and Calamus Reservoir.

**12. N-CORPE – LOOMIS**

Reported on the restructuring of the representatives due to retirement. Pumping of Twin Platte side which they were able to shutoff due to the rainfall and won't turn it back on until DNR tells them to. Lincoln County made some zoning changes and 640 acres that could be sold to Lincoln County Development Group.

**13. LEGAL MATTERS**

None.

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

The Budget Hearing at 9:00 a.m. and Regular Board Meeting at 9:05 a.m. will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary